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(ii) (*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Press communiqué in G.O. No. 559, Revenue, dated 8th March 1920.

(*b*) If the hon. Member wishes to know the conditions on which the disafforested lands were granted, he is referred to the conditions laid down in paragraph 38 of Board's Standing Order No. 15 as last amended by G.O. No. 2815, Revenue, dated 16th December 1921.

Concession to clerks on New Moon days.

372 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in Collectors' offices clerks of the Hindu community are allowed to attend the office an hour late on New Moon days; and

(*b*) if so, whether clerks in other departments of Government are allowed the same concession?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Government have not thought it necessary to refer the question to all the offices in the Presidency, but they are not aware of any cases in which complaint has been made of the concession not being allowed.

Light railways in Ganjām, etc.

373 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government intend introducing light railways in the districts of Ganjām, Vizagapatam, Gōdāvari, Kistna, Guntūr and Nellore; and

(*b*) what are the surveyed lines that will be taken in those districts for opening light railways?

A.—(*a*) The question of introducing light railways in any district is one for the decision of the district board concerned in the first instance. The Government have recently appointed a committee to consider the possibility of developing light railways in this Presidency.

(*b*) A list of railway projects surveyed in the districts referred to except Nellore was furnished in reply to question No. 644 put at the Legislative Council meeting dated 12th October 1921. The lines surveyed in Nellore are the following:—

(1) Ollapaliam-Singarayakonda-Kanigiri Railway.
(2) Kavali-Udayagiri line.
(3) Padugupad-Atmakur line (Traffic Survey).

Acquisition of lands for Adi-Dravidas, etc.

374 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(i) the actual districtwar cost incurred for the acquisition of lands for house-sites in 1922

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(b) Indian Christians; and
(c) poor Muhammadans; and
(ii) the extent of land allotted villagewar to the above three classes under—
(a) wet;
(b) dry; and
(c) village poramboke?

A.—The information asked for by the hon. Member is not available.

Retrenchment in the various departments.

375 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to lay on the table—
(a) the various retrenchments carried out in different departments in the Presidency; and
(b) the amount of savings effected thereby?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the note on retrenchment that is placed on the table.

Arts College, Rajahmundry.

376 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—
(a) whether it is a fact that three Andhra professors of Rajahmundry Arts College were transferred recently and Tamilian professors appointed instead; and
(b) what the necessity was for these transfers?

A.—(a) If the public servants referred to are assistant lecturers instead of professors, the answer is in the affirmative.
(b) In the exigencies of the public service.

Muhammadan students in the Institute of Commerce, Madras.

377 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased—
(1) to lay on the table the number and names of Muhammadan students who were benefited in the years 1920–21 and 1921–22 by the opening of the Institute of Commerce at Madras; and
(2) to state—
(a) whether any scholarships were granted in those years to Muhammadan students for the study of commerce;
(b) how many Muhammadan students applied for admission into the said institute in the years 1920–21 and 1921–22;
(c) who are the members of the Advisory Council of the said institute; and
(d) whether there are any Muhammadans in the said Council?

A.—(1) Nil.
(2) (a) No.
(b) 1920–21—one applicant but he did not join. 1921–22—none applied.